

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 11, 17, and 18 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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11. (Amended) An image processing apparatus connected to an external unit via a network, said image processing apparatus comprising:

communication means for communicating with said external unit;

image processing means for generating image data from image-formation data;

image output means for outputting to a medium images based on said image data; and

control means for controlling said image processing means and said image output means;

wherein said communication means receives a job data including said image-formation data and a procedure for communicating with said external unit, and said control means executes said procedure in said job data to communicate with said external unit, whereby controlling image-output processing based on said image-formation data in accordance with a result of the communication with said external unit, and

wherein the job data is not required to be transmitted via a print server.

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17. (Amended) A machine-readable recording medium for an image processing apparatus forming images based on image-formation data, said machine-readable recording medium containing a program for enabling a computer to have